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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/333,534
Filed: June 14, 1999
Inventors: Timothy W. CONNER *et al.*
Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with Plants**
Atty. Dkt. No.: 16517.001/38-21(15404)B

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents:

1. Request for Oral Hearing; and
2. Return postcard.

Applicants request that the \$230.00 fee for a Request for Oral Hearing be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.001/15404B.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due other than the above fee (\$230.00) for filing a Request for Oral Hearing Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d)).

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, and/or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.001/15404B. A duplicate copy of this Request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re application of:

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Applicants hereby request an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-referenced application.

Authorization to charge the official fee of \$230.00 for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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